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The Microsoft settlement is indeed in the public interest, for the past ten years I have worked in the IT world. I have seen Microsoft products get better cheaper and easier to maintain. This has led to the ability of even small business to reap rewards from new technologies without having a full time IT staff.

I use other products (SUN/Linux/Oracle) but I see these companies as failing to invest as heavily in the type of R&D that brings us the improvements that MS garners.

Companies such as AOL, Netscape, Sun, Oracle seem to be asking for some court room help for their inability to compete.

Sun & Oracle for years had an iron grip on the consumer, companies I worked for paid extremely high licensing fees for products that were at best cryptic to use and maintain. Now that MS has brought us better products at for much less they should be rewarded not punished.

I only hope that MS is left to it's own means to innovate and continually bring us better and cheaper products.

Thanks,
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